

DRAFT Minutes for
Special Select Board Meeting for Budget
December 19, 2013

PRESENT: Dawn Poitras, Mo Lavanway, Maureen Harvey, Dick Charland, Adam Magee, Ken Scott, Deb Morehouse, Brian Fitzgerald, Kym Andrews, Lars Dickson.

Call To order at 6:00 p.m.

Brian Fitzgerald of the planning commission requested \$2500.00 in the town budget for wrapping up the town plan by spring for mapping, seeking grants which may have some match funds, also ground water mapping. Mo asked Brian if the commission is including solar and wind power in the zoning. Brian said it would be part of the process.

Budget review began for town meeting.

Discussion regarding the Town Clerk and Assistance Town Clerk hours and pay scale in which, Mo presented data based on other town clerks, pay and hours. Dawn questioned why would you drop the clerk to 3 days and keep an assistant for 2 day. Why not have the clerk be 4 days and have the assistant clerk for one day, and fill in hours as needed. Dick suggested a 3/5 for the clerk and 2/5 for the assistant with the adjustment in payment from \$34,999 to \$26,245.

Motion by Dick to have the Town Clerk be a 3/5 position and the assistance clerk a 2/5 position. Dick, Maureen, Mo in favor (3) Dawn opposed (1). Passed.

Dick will forward to the select board the breakdown of workman's compensation and insurance cost once information is sent by Glenn Mink, our insurance representative.

Dick also provided information regarding increase in legal counsel budget line item. There is a possibility it may be necessary once all information is provided by the completed January audit. The financial information that the board has been receiving on a regular basis has been inaccurate and inadequate to meet the decision making of the board, per Bonnie Batchelder.

Discussion continued with the budget regarding charitable giving contributions.

Dawn left meeting at 8:00 p.m. Maureen took over minute taking.

Maureen asked about reflectors on River Road. Discussion took place that the ground was to frozen to install now, if possibly to do it inexpensively then we should proceed.

Maureen motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Dick second, all in favor.

Submitted by Dawn Poitras, 12/20/2013

